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### Ottawa Driving Park.

The races, beginning in this city next Tuesday and continuing four days, promise to be exceptionally fine. The class of horses entered number among them some of the most noted western flyers, and the entries amount to 118, one of the largest number of horses ever entered at any meeting in the northwest. The management has been unusually desirous of having a meeting this year that will place the track on a par, as to honesty and efficiency, with any course in the state. With that end in view all the details have been carefully attended to and the arrangements are as nearly perfect in all that can in any way aid this commendable spirit. The success of the Joliet meeting, in which it took 13 heats the other day to decide two races, shows that the horses will trot for all there is in them, the greater portion of the Joliet entries being entered here. It is said by prominent horse men of the city that the Ottawa races this year will from any standpoint be by far the best ever given here. To make the meeting a success in every respect only requires the generous attendance of the public, and that such will be the case there is no room for doubt. The reputation of the Ottawa Driving Park is, and has been such, that no assurance need be given that all who attend will witness fine speed the coming week.

### AT JOLIET.

The opening of the Illinois Valley Circuit at Joliet on Tuesday was well attended. The 3-minute trot was won by Al R. in three straight heats, time 2:32, 2:34, 2:30; Texas Girl, second; Marquis, third; General Sible, fourth, and Walter R. distanced in the first heat. In the 2:25 pacing race Toledo Girl made the fastest time, 2:21, ever made on the track. She won in straight heats, 2:21, 2:22, 2:22; American Boy, second. Third money was divided between Kimball and Lottie P. Retriever and Mattie S. being distanced. In the three-year-old trot there were but two entries. The first heat was won by Jeannette, and the last two by William S. Time, 2:42, 2:41, 2:45.

Second day: In the 2:25 trot there were six starters, but only four remained to the finish. It was a closely contested race, and required seven heats to decide it. Myrtle, whose best time was 2:25, took first money; Bonnie McGregor, second; Executor, third, and Hunter, fourth. Georgiana, who captured first money in the 2:34 race, and whose best time was 2:34, had to trot six heats for the prize; Thistlewood, second; Capt. Crook, third, and Star Mambino, fourth. Ten horses started in this race, but only four staid to the close. The 2-year-old colt race was won by Gettysburg, fastest time, 2:53; Sarah Cossack, second, and Dietrich, third.

Third day: The free-for-all pace was won by Silvertail, four heats being trotted; Lottie P. won the third heat. Time, 2:21, 2:22, 2:24, 2:23. The 2:40 trot was captured by Al R. in straight heats; Moody, second; Cleo, third, and Kenton Belle, fourth. Laura Bell, Capitola, Willie Knox and Frank H. were distanced. Time, 2:31, 2:27, 2:29. In the 1-year-old stake race, Superior was the winner in straight heats, 2:29, 2:34, 2:35; Mate, second; A. G. Dewey, third, and Victor Sprague, fourth.

### Phelan at the Races.

The confederation, Geo. Phelan, will be found at the Driving Park during race week, with sandwiches, lemonade, confectionery, &c. Give him a call.

A man named White, employed by Patrick McGinnis, of Wallace township, was struck down by the heat while at work in a harvest field. He was taken to his home on North Columbus street Wednesday, and Drs. Hatheway and Ryburn were summoned, and though it was a difficult task, the physicians have brought him through the valley of the shadow of death, and he is now slowly on the mend.

### Sulky Flows.

The new three-wheeled HARGOOD, and the new CASSADAY, at MANLEY & JORDAN'S.

The marshal and the police force have a set of dandy helmets, just arrived, which are on exhibition at French's, awaiting the advent of cooler weather before they are donned, when the cops will, doubtless, appear as remorseless mashers.

The rush still continues at MANLEY & JORDAN'S for the new Lyman gasoline stoves. Remember it is the new Lyman. They are proud of it.

### 2.09 1-4.

Don't be afraid that L. Hess will not have enough ice cream to fill the multitudes during the races. His ice cream makes fast time. Call at his popular ice cream parlors, southwest corner from postoffice.

Now that two important events are to happen in succession, the races and the engagement, the business men of Ottawa could materially add to the general looks of the city by adding such decorations as they might deem appropriate. If those in the business center would only add a little in the way of decoration the city might be given a more pleasing effect as viewed by the many strangers who will be here for the next 15 days.

The intolerable heat of the past week has driven numbers of the citizens of this city to take refuge at the east door of the court house each afternoon. There they sit in the shade with their tongues out, seeking succor from the red-hot atmosphere, while Jim Cross and Ira Nelson entertain the gang with the latest yarns. Much appropriately terms it the stamping ground of the Leisure Hour Club.

### Gasoline Stoves.

The unprecedented run at Kendall's for gasoline stoves left him clean out one day this week. However, a full supply arrives to-day. Call and see them. They are just the thing, cheap, durable and economical.

### From Mendota.

MENDOTA, July 31, 1885.—Miss Emma Reese, of Aurora, is the guest of Miss Marie Horr.

The church bells tolled on the day of Gen. Grant's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarland are home after quite an extensive trip through Kansas.

The light rain about nightfall spoiled a lawn social last Tuesday evening at the residence of Wm. Truman, just out of town. It was given by the M. E. church.

Mendota is getting to be a pugilistic town. Ed Higgins and Kilt Fassett of the First National Bank had a set-to last Monday noon. Two rounds were fought. Time, 8 1/2 seconds. As near as the story goes, Kilt, who is in the bank learning the trade, is in the habit of shoving off plugged money. He undertook to pass off a silver dollar thus afflicted on Ed, and the result was that both are wearing a black eye, or in softer words they are wearing mourning.

There will be appropriate exercises on the burial of U. S. Grant, conducted by the G. A. R. Post. As Mendota is the hub of this universe, nobody of any scratch could be carried through any great event without the assistance of this town, and don't you forget it. All the commercial houses will be closed until after the funeral, by order of Com.

Henry Kohl, son of J. J. Kohl, the popular jeweler, departed Sunday morning for Chicago. He will associate himself with the firm of Wm. Freund & Co., and learn hand engraving. Henry is a first class young man, very applicable to business, and we wish him success.

Mrs. La Victoire, of Chicago, and her children are the guests of Mrs. D. Harbaugh. Mr. La Victoire was formerly a partner of P. M. Hoffman, in the merchant tailoring, and also with W. W. Taylor, at La Salle.

Miss Mary Maher, of Chicago, was visiting friends in this city last Saturday.

It is stated that the late hot rains are rotting potatoes.

We saw specimens of oats from a 30-acre field, 2 miles northeast of Mendota, that had been destroyed by grasshoppers.

Toledo is being played at the roller skating rink.

Karpis Weber, is the sign over a small institution on sixth avenue. An old man who might pass for Rip Van Winkle plies the shuttle and loom.

Mrs. Deto, wife of Alex. Deto, an old engineer on the C., R. & Q. railway, is visiting in this city.

Equestrianism is being practiced by a number of our young ladies. The Union Fair offers premiums to only those of such under 25 years of age, but there is a special premium offered to any lady excelling in this grand accomplishment.

Dorsey Andress and family are camping out at Deer Park. They will remain two weeks.

Miss Gerlie Dewey, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her grandparents, Capt. Pearce and wife.

Miss Scott, of Chicago, is the guest of the postal clerk, Miss Porter.

Forepaugh's circus is billed for this town Aug. 24. Rose Easton for the fair week.

McKee's Comedy Company have the opera house this week. This is a 15 and 20 cent show and is well spoken of. We should not pass criticism, however, on these small or low priced shows. They are hardly up to what the better class of our citizens desire, supposing that the Turners wish to make as much money as possible out of their opera house, still it would be preferable to go to a good entertainment less frequent than to a cheaper grade of shows too frequently.

We understand crops are only on an average in this vicinity.

The continued hot weather makes us exclaim with the poet "Oh for a lodge in

some vast wilderness—some boundless continuity of shade where eyes look love to eyes that speak again, &c."

H. Munson, has just returned from a trip to Omaha.

Max Johns and wife, after a very pleasant trip around the lakes, returned Wednesday evening.

Just now the matrimonial market is at a standstill. Nothing doing in that line whatever. We presume that it is not on account of the weather, for this is just the season for traveling, but because every body has got married that wants to be.

ROSE BUD.

### From Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, July 31.—Samuel Hawks has returned from his trip to Vermont.

The Marseilles boys were scooped by the La Salle last Sunday by a score of 15 to 3. A return game will be played Aug. 2.

Wm. Nicholson, a member of the Streator Reds and formerly a Marseilles boy, spent last week here.

Eugene Moffatt, of Chillicothe, paid his Marseilles friends a short visit this week.

Several young ladies of this place are attending the Teachers' Institute.

The dime concert at Washington Hall last night was a success in every particular. The cornet solos by Masters Bernie Makeever and Delle Butterfield were par excellence.

Mrs. J. S. Pitts, of Kansas, is visiting friends in Marseilles.

Yesterday afternoon Lou Peddicord's dog bit Sam Long and Willie McManus, after which he died—from the effects of a rifle ball.

Mr. Phelps Adams and wife, of Sandwich, are visiting relatives and friends in our city.

Wm. Anson is shaking hands with old friends here.

A great deal of improvement is being made on Main street. Keep it up, brethren.

Marseilles is getting to be quite a resort for excursionists. Call often. You are always welcome.

Terry Cosgrove paid \$15 yesterday for striking Mike Milligan. Costly fun.

ALPHA.

### From Lostant.

LOSTANT, July 22d, 1885.—The crops in this part of the county are good, much above the average for the last ten years.

George Fetzler, from the Vermillion river, was in Lostant Thursday, buying cattle.

Constable Brunsbach, from the German settlement, was in town the first of the week, on legal business.

Supervisor Lauf, from Richmond, is in town frequently, looking after the interests of the people in the southwestern part of the county.

Mrs. S. P. Massey has sent her son Solon, this week, a beautiful album. Now he will expect all his friends to send their pictures to him.

Prof. George Bell, of Oglesby, is spending his vacation at his father's here.

Mrs. Ed. Whipple, wife of our worthy merchant, has returned from a two weeks' visit at her father's in Rutland.

James Holmes, Esq., returned from his trip to Nebraska, Tuesday, looking well.

Mike Prendergast and Anthony Berry, from near Streator, were in town Saturday, making purchases.

Hon. Peter Howe and wife made us a short visit Friday.

Editor Taylor, of the Wenona Index, and E. L. Mosser, of the Wenona Coal Co., were in Lostant on business, Friday. They think Lostant the vildest place in the world, judging, we presume, from the nature of the cigars they bought. Be careful, boys, where you buy next time.

Master Charley and Miss Mary Richey, of Ottawa, were visiting their country residence here, and superintending the putting up of fruit the past week.

Mrs. A. P. Berry, who is living at Farm Ridge, wife of our former townsman, was visiting at Mrs. Shay's, Tuesday.

The disgraceful scene on the street Saturday night reminds us of the story of the Devil shearing a hog—great cry and little blood. But we hope for the sake of the parties themselves that such humiliating scenes will never be repeated.

Thomas Drew, the hardware and dry goods merchant of this place, has just returned from Chicago, where he was called by a telegram last week. His wife, who was visiting for a few days was taken suddenly ill. He reports her as getting better.

ZENAS.

### From Bromley.

BROMLEY, IOWA, July 21, '85.—Perhaps as the time passes by and the season advances some meandering eye may see these few lines from the land of storms and tornadoes. But, thank fortune, after two and one half years residence here, the wind blows and the rain descends just as it does in La Salle county, and I have, so far, seen nothing worse.

Well, to many inquiring letters, I would answer through your paper. We have had a great deal of rain this season since the 25th of May. Before that we had as good weather for putting in crops as could be wished. Corn looks well and rye good and nearly all in shock. Oats will be a large crop. No winter wheat sown here. Mead-

ows are immense; some say two tons, and some say three tons to the acre. Well, I know they are good and it seems to me there is tons enough to pitch. Small fruit is plenty. Apples will be scarce. Your Dakota correspondent says they can beat the world for babies. I will put the northwest township of Marshall county against any 6 miles square of Dakota, outside of a town or village, for babies in numbers and of all sizes and weights. So come on for the baby show. Farmers are all jubilant over the looks of the crops, that is, the grain, not the babies.

S. C.

Have attended a patient for a year who suffers periodically with neuralgia. Late the patient had one of these attacks and I gave her Tongaline, to take a teaspoonful every hour. I called the next day and found her attending to her household duties free from all pain. W. A. O'Bryant, M. D., Lawrencetown, Mo.

### Vicinity Items.

Lacon Democrat: What is making people rush to Spring Valley for investment?

Willie Welch, the son of Ex-Mayor Welch, of La Salle, is an applicant for a position in the railway postal service.

Its coal! What brings a new railroad there but coal? What will build Spring Valley and keep it up? Echo answers—coal!

The boiler of a freight engine exploded at Godfrey Tuesday afternoon, while standing still at the station. The engineer, whose name is House, the fireman and an unknown man, standing near, were almost instantly killed.

What does this mean? It is going the rounds that one of Morris' good widow ladies will, in the near sweet bye-and-bye, be led to the marriage altar. Morris will then have another professional piano-tuner as a permanent resident, and Ottawa one less.

Independent: A number of Morris' good ladies entertain the idea that the little girl with the gypsies here is Lillie Schaffer, and have had word sent to Mrs. Schaffer urging her to come and see the child herself. Her expenses will willingly be paid by the ladies.

"Minks have put in their work in our city of late, killing spring chickens. Mrs. John Mower lost 23 last Monday morning."

The above is what the Marseilles Register men say. How much better it would have been if the lady had devoted these 23 spring pullets to the crops of the half-fed, hungry Stone Bros.

In 1890, E. R. Moffatt was appointed the first postmaster at La Salle, being succeeded in 1893 by John M. Farren, who entered to act up to 1891, when E. B. Mason was appointed. Mason served two terms, E. C. Corbus was then appointed and served a term, D. A. Leahy being appointed in February of this year, and A. J. Reddick appointed July 18th.

Seneca Record: Seneca takes one more step to the front. The prospects are good for a new city hall and jail to cost \$4,000. Town lots have been purchased and the Board have plans for the building under consideration. The new jail of the hall and jail are too well known to merit further comment. The lots purchased are at the corner of Croft and Armour street, and the hall, if ordered built, will front both Croft and Armour.

"A curiosity in the shape of a chicken with four legs and four wings is on exhibition at Higby's drug store. The egg was hatched last Sunday by a hen belonging to Mrs. C. B. Clugston, and lived but a short time."

If Hale, of the Utica Blade, wants his "Independent, Fearless and Free" organ to acquire a reputation for veracity, he will be obliged to quit publishing stories like the above. Let him beware of the fate of Wilson and "come off."

A mammoth pleasure excursion and basket picnic has been arranged to run from Streator to Dayton on Tuesday, Aug. 18th.

For three years similar excursions have left there, and this promises to be the most enjoyable of all. Dayton's beautiful scenery, fine shade, and unequalled reputation as a pleasure resort is unsurpassed, and Streator people, having no such beautiful or romantic camping out places near their city, have to come this way for such beneficial pleasures.

Lacon has a pretty fair prospect of a big east and west line of railroad running through it. If it would get right down to the development of its coal, it could have the railroad shops of that company located here. If some other place on its line makes this sort of a move, Lacon will be supplanted. We have the coal, but none of our capitalists have the nerve to attempt its development, although they know the great wealth that comes of such enterprise. Oh! for a Plumb or a Devlin to put snap into our capitalists.

Bureau county boasts of a haunted house occupied by one Henry Bartelman. Some invisible joker raps at the side of the house, occasionally showing a ghostly hand, and throws stones over the roof. It is supposed to be the spirit of the father of Lizzie, the adopted daughter of Bartelman. There is great excitement over this ghostly business, and the Princeton papers are full of the stuff. Bailey, of the Republican, and Mercer, of the Tribune, both went down to the scene of the racket one day last week armed to the teeth, but the ghost would not appear and they had their 20-mile hurry for nothing. Served 'em right.

Patrick O'Brien, no doubt, at the time of his death on Sunday night week, the oldest person in the state, died in his little shanty, three miles south of La Salle, in his 106th year. His widow is about 95 and for many years past this aged couple lived alone near the Catholic cemetery. It was proposed to bring him to the polls last fall, to vote for Cleveland and Hendricks, in a carriage drawn by four white horses, but he was too feeble to stand the ride. He had been a naturalized citizen of the United States for 53 years and was born in County Waterford, Ireland, March 17, 1780.

Some years ago, a boy in one of the country schools of Bureau county, was very much addicted to swearing. Complaints were frequently made to the teacher for his bad language. One day she called him up and told him if he heard of his swearing again she certainly would punish him.

The next day he was reported swearing and the teacher called him up and said: "Now, Johnny, you take the tongue and sit down in that corner there, and watch that hole until you catch the mouse."

In ten or fifteen minutes Johnny sprang to his feet exclaiming: "Teacher, teacher, d—d if I haven't got the little cuss!"

Streator Free Press: When Sam McFeely, manager of J. C. Ames' lumber yard, opened his office Tuesday morning of last week, he was badly surprised by discovering his safe blown open. Two expert burglars must certainly have been concerned in the robbery, for the manner in which the job was done indicated as much.

The back window of Jones' boiler works was broken open and a large sledge stolen. This sledge was used to knock the top of the combination off; a hole was drilled into the heart of the combination, and it was very easily broken. To get into the safe then was a very easy matter. The top of the cash drawer lock was cut off with a cold chisel, which dropped down the inside of the lock into the drawer. About \$100 in money was in the safe at the time, which was taken, but some valuable papers which were in the safe remained untouched.

This is the second time this safe has been disturbed, but the first time the parties concerned were frightened away. The burglary is identical with the one which happened in Ottawa on Tuesday night, the safe being broken into in the same manner.

A verdict of \$5,000 was recently rendered against the village of Lemont, on account of the death of Joseph B. Rood, whose horse fell into an excavation last October and killed him. Dr. Rood was called up to visit a patient about 3 o'clock in the morning, and setting out on horseback rode into the unprotected ditch and was killed.

Josephine McCormick, of Streator, was not "at home" to a young man who made a call one morning recently. He first tried to crawl through a window, but finally went to the door where Josie received him with a club. She then snapped her pistol at him twice but it failed to go off as fast as the young man did.

Abraham Denser, a farmer living near Bloomington, Ill., whose wife recently sued him for a divorce, set fire to all the buildings on his farm last Monday, all of which were destroyed. Before applying the torch he drove all his stock and fowls into the barn and they perished in the flames. Denser was placed in jail at Bloomington.

Thursday night of last week, at Streator, a man named James Holleran committed suicide by putting a bullet through his head. He was interred as unknown, but a man named Turner, of this city went down and had the body taken up and proved it to be that of a fellow workman, name as above. No cause as to the act is known.

Erysipelas is a dangerous disease. Not infrequently does it take such a form as to carry off its victim after a period of intense suffering. Charles R. Lucas, of Zanesville, Ohio, writes: "For three years my wife has been suffering from erysipelas. She has tried numerous physicians but received no benefit from any of them. She commenced using Mishler's Herb Bitters about a month since, and is now entirely well."

MAKING GLASS FIFTY YEARS AGO.—In the manufacture of glass fifty years ago, 28 lb. of potash and 26 lb. of wood ashes were used to every 100 lb. of sand. The first change from this was to burn the potash in an oven, and work it as a puddler does iron. In order to obtain better results, and this was used with lime in about the same proportions as potash and wood ashes above named. Soda ash was first used in New Jersey, but its introduction in western factories was very rapid, and the mix was changed to 35 lb. soda ash and 26 lb. of lime to 100 lb. of sand. The proportions vary greatly with circumstances and the quality of the ingredients used. The following is a fair statement of the mix now mostly used: soda ash, 40 lb.; lime, 30 lb.; sand, 100 lb. For salt cake, 35 lb.; soda ash, 10 lb.; lime, 33 lb.; pulverized charcoal, 2 1/2 lb.; arsenic, 1 1/2 lb.; sand, 100 lb. If the glass is muddy the charcoal is reduced. If too green, charcoal is added and arsenic reduced.

### Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

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### Arab Armor.

Coats of mail are still in use among some of the Soudanese Arab tribes. Whether original or a copy, says Col. Colbourne, in speaking of one of these coats of armor, it was undoubtedly the dress of the crusaders. The hauberk of mail was fastened round the body by the balton, and formed a complete covering from head to foot. The long, two-handed, double-edged sword was borne between the leg and the saddle.

The wearer of this medieval garb was sheik Mohammed Sebekh, of the Hala-win tribe of Bagarra Arabs. His armor had been in his family 310 years. The horse's head was encased in steel, and its body covered with a quilt thick enough to turn a spear. It was shaped like the armor one reads of in Froissart.

It had been asserted in connection with this curious subject that the practice survives in the Soudan alone. It may, therefore, be well to state that it is also found among the Kheysur people of the central Caucasus, who still habitually wear chain-armor, shields, and helmets, like medieval knights. In fact, it was formerly general among all the Caucasian tribes, and the Chechenes of Daghestan still wore coats of mail down to the beginning of the present century.

The armor does not appear to have been forged by these people themselves, but was handed down, as among the Soudanese Arabs, as an heirloom from generation to generation in the families of the chiefs. Hence the inference that this armor dates everywhere from the times of the crusades, of which it may be regarded as a remarkable reminiscence.—London Athenaeum.

### Sham Gentlemen.

When the famous bruisers had a pounding match in Chicago, not long ago, some of the high-toned citizens were mixed in with the crowd of gloat-ing spectators. "This is hard to explain," said a refined lady. Not-at-all. Some of the high-toned are such only in dress and money; in taste and morals they are low-toned. Clothes no more make a gentleman than they do a lady. A prize fight does not come along very often and thus quite a number of high-toned persons are saved that test of taste. Along comes the prize fight and down goes the sham gentleman.

In point is the story told of "Pat" and the "angels." Pat had lived a wild life. He had crowded close to the rope in all prize fights and had yelled loud and loud in the nights of holiday seasons. In some good hour he got suddenly converted, and, dying soon after he was met at heaven's gate by Gabriel and other distinguished members of the better world. They welcomed the new-comer and started with him up the flowery path. By degrees great yelling over to the left came to Pat's ears. He recognized the notes of many a night of revelry on earth. He moved on, but the path was a little too sweet and the music rather too divine-like, so he broke away from his brilliant escort, saying: "Good-by, Gabriel, I would rather be with the boys."

One factor in American civilization which seldom receives the credit which it deserves,—and that is the cheap editions of standard authors which the leading publishing houses of the country are producing in continually increasing numbers.—Minneapolis Tribune.

### Mrs. Garfield and Her Children.

Garfield once said to me about this woman: "I have never had in my life, although there would have been plenty of excuse if she had made such a mistake, to apologize for anything that my wife has had to say concerning me. My constituency has its own sensibilities, and a very little thing Mrs. Garfield might say that was ill-timed or hasty would go very far against me. But she has been so discreet that I have not a single instance of that kind on record. She is never stampeded," said Garfield. "She is the coolest when things excite me the most. Now," said he, "she is doing at present what I did for her; I taught her Latin at school, and she is now teaching our children Latin and preparing them to go to Exeter."

President Cleveland, I see, entertained at Easter the orphan children of Garfield. This is one of the best testimonials I have seen to Cleveland's upright domestic intentions. At Good Friday, just twenty years ago, Mr. Lincoln was shot; at Easter, twenty years afterward, Grant is on his death-bed. Between these two tragedies occurred the extraordinary murder of Garfield. It is entirely fitting that the President should both receive and give respect to these young sons of Garfield.—Guth.